

REMARKS

Applicants provisionally elect the following species with traverse:

- Brake/pin species: Species I (Figure 1);
- Pin species: Species a (Figure 2a); and
- Shim species: Species ii (Figures 11-13).

Pending claims 1-4, 6, 8-12, 14 and 16-18 are believed readable on the elected species.

The restriction requirement is submitted to be improper because the Examiner has not established a clear basis for the election under PCT Rule 13.1. In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the identified species lack unity of invention under Rule 13.2. In particular, the species were found to lack the same or corresponding special technical features, because “the linking features are known in the art”. No further basis or explanation of the requirement for restriction was provided. Nor did the Examiner cite any prior art that would allow applicants to appreciate the basis of the restriction requirement. The concept of unity of invention based on special technical feature does not include the concept of a species election such as presented herein. We note that no such lack of unity of invention was found during the international phase of this application. Thus, the basis of the restriction requirement is unclear from the record. Accordingly, applicants submit the restriction requirement is facially incomplete, and thus improper. In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully traverse and request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn upon reconsideration.

On the other hand, should the restriction requirement be made final and no prior art be found for the elected species, applicants submit that the search for prior art should be extended to the remaining species to the extent necessary to determine the patentability of the non-elected

species and claims 1-2, 8-10 and 16 identified as generic. See MPEP 803.02 in this regard in light of what appears to be a species election of this type.

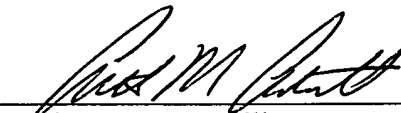
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